

Date: January 4, 2003

To: Chairman Getman and Commissioners Downey, Knox, and Swanson

From: Mark Krausse, Executive Director

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

This is a summary of administrative and division activity since the report sent to you prior to the December Commission meeting.

### A. PERSONNEL/BUDGET

The Governor's budget is to be released on Friday, January 10, 2003. I will provide an update on the level of Commission funding at the January 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### B. STAFF PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

The Public Education Unit will transition to a new webmaster in order to allow Hal Dasinger to shift his attention to his Political Reform Consultant duties in the Technical Assistance Division. Publications Editor Jon Matthews will be taking the lead roll in overseeing the maintenance and updates of web content, while Sandy Johnson, Sonia Rangel and John Symkowick will provide support in scanning and posting information to the web site. A big thanks to Hal for performing two jobs, and for staying late to provide timely updates of meeting materials and other information.

The Technical Assistance Division provided a general presentation on the PRA to the California State Sheriffs' Association in Sacramento, and a presentation to the California City Clerks' Association at their New Law Seminar in Monterey.

### C. CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODES/AMENDMENTS

I approved the following conflict-of-interest code amendments in December:

Alcohol and Drug Programs, State Department of  
Boating and Waterways, State Department of  
Industrial Relations, State Department of  
Real Estate, State Department of  
Sacramento Area Council of Governments  
Sierra Joint Community College District  
Southern California Association of Governments  
Stephen P. Teale Data Center  
Tehama-Colusa Canal Authority  
Treasurer, Office of the State

D. FINDINGS OF PROBABLE CAUSE

Pursuant to regulation 18361, I have found evidence in the following cases sufficient to lead a person of ordinary caution and prudence to believe or entertain a strong suspicion that the following respondents committed or caused a violation of the Political Reform Act. **This finding of probable cause does not constitute a finding that a violation has actually occurred. The respondents are presumed to be innocent of any violation of the Act unless a violation is proved in a subsequent proceeding.**

**Hooper, Committee to Elect Andrea L., Andrea L. Hooper and Ethel Pacheco, FPPC Case No. 2002/187.** On December 12, 2002, probable cause was found to believe that respondents, a controlled committee, a candidate, and the committee treasurer: failed to timely file four pre-election campaign statements, in violation of Section 84200.8 (4 counts); failed to timely file five semi-annual campaign statements, in violation of Section 84200 (a) (5 counts); failed to disclose a late contribution in a properly filed late contribution report, in violation of Section 84203 (1 count); and received a cash contribution of \$100 or more, in violation of Section 84300 (a) (1 count).

**L.A. City and County Schools Employees Union, Local 99 C.O.P.E. and Janett Humphries, FPPC Case No. 2001/187.** On December 12, 2002, probable cause was found to believe that respondents, a state general purpose recipient committee sponsored by the L.A. City and County Schools Employees Union, Local 99 and the committee treasurer: failed to disclose seven late independent expenditures in properly filed late independent expenditure reports, in violation of Section 84204 (a) (7 counts); failed to file a supplemental independent expenditure report, in violation of Section 84203.5, subdivision (a) (1 count); failed to disclose contributions in a pre-election campaign statement, in violation of Section 84211 (1 count); and failed to disclose a late contribution in a properly filed late contribution report, in violation of Section 84203 (a) (1 count).

E. REQUESTS FOR EXTENSION OF COMMITTEE TERMINATION

Pursuant to regulation 18404.1, campaign committees facing termination by December 31, 2002, who desire an extension of that deadline must submit a request to the Executive Director by December 1, 2002. To date, I have responded to the following requests:

Aghazarian, Greg (990517) Request for extension granted; committee termination date extended to June 30, 2003.

Hentschel, Noel Irwin (980051) Request for extension denied based on failure to make progress toward debt retirement.

Knowles, David (890719) Request for extension in order to dispense with surplus campaign funds granted; committee termination date extended to January 31, 2003.

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Krekorian, Paul (991477) Request for 6-month extension denied based on failure to make progress toward debt retirement. Committee termination date extended to February 15, 2003, in order to allow committee time to notify creditors.

Martinez-Roach, Patricia (951716) Request for extension denied based on failure to make progress toward debt retirement.

Maze, Bill (972049) Request for extension granted; committee termination date extended to June 30, 2003.

Miller, Gary (950268 and 963090) Requests for extensions granted; committee termination dates extended to June 30, 2003.

Monville, Lou (1238458) Request for extension granted; committee termination date extended to June 30, 2003.

Nava, Pedro (1245224) Request for extension granted; committee termination date extended to June 30, 2003.

Portillo, Cesar (990330) Request for extension granted; committee termination date extended to June 30, 2003.

Ray, Steve (992318) Request for extension denied based on failure to make progress toward debt retirement. Appeal from denial pending.

Rogers, Neighbors for (951897). Request for extension was denied by the Executive Director based on poor progress toward debt retirement and failure to file nine campaign statements until candidate was prompted to do so by Technical Assistance Division. Candidate appealed ED's decision to the Chairman, who granted a three-month extension.

West, Tony (992325) Request for extension in order to provide notice to creditors granted; committee termination date extended to February 15, 2003.

Wildman, Scott (990837) Request for 6-month extension denied based on failure to make progress toward debt retirement. Committee termination date extended to February 15, 2003, in order to allow committee time to notify creditors.